INTERESTING FACTS CONCERNING THE BEVERAGE FAMILY

W. T. Price Reocrds the History of another of the Pioneer Families of Pocahontas County.

There is a relationship in our county, while not pioneers in the usual sense of the word, yet performed a very important part in material improvement of our mountain lands. Before the Beverage's came to our county and for years since there was a type of mountain land not much valued and was held comparatively cheap. It was a common remark about such land that like self righteousness the more a person had of such land the worse it would be with him. The Beverages utilized such land and prospered.

The Beverage's trace their ancestery to David Beverage, of Highland County, a native of Scotland, who came to Crabbottom previous to the war of 1812, it is believed. His wife was Catherine Shineberry. Their children were Jacob, Peter and William. The ancestral David Beverage died, leaving a widow and three small children. Mrs. Beverage with industry and good management succeeded in rearing her sons to industrious, economical and self reliant manhood.

About the year of 1840, Jacob Beverage came to Pocahontas, bought land and settled in the woods near Clover Lick and opened up a homestead now occupied by John Beverage. Jacob Beverage's wife was Susan Snyder, daughter of Adam Snyder, of Crabbottom. Their children were Lewis, Levi, William, Joseph, Woods, Jacob, Hannah, Margaret, Naomi, Jennie, six sons and three daughters.

Levi Beverage's first marriage was with Clarissa Waugh, daughter of the late John Waugh, Indian Draft. His second marriage was with Jane Hudson, daughter of the late Eligah Hudson, of Louise, and settled im part of the homestead and is a minister of the German Baptist church; William Beverage was never married; John Beverage married Mary, daughter of Squire J. B. Hannah, of Elk and lives at the old homestead. Harper Beverage is their only child; Joseph Beverage married Elizabeth, daughter of John Beverage, of Highland, and settled there. He is a German Baptist Minister; Woods, he died in youth; Jacob Beverage married Rachel Ann, daughter of the late William and Nancy McLaughlin, near Dunmore and lives on Elk; Hannah Beverage became the third wife of the late Wm. D. Moore on Elk. She lives near Poage's Lane with her daughter, Mrs. Page Gay; Margaret Beverage became Mrs. Townsend and lives on Back Allaghany. Her daughter Margaret is now Mrs. Uriah Beverage; Naomi, Jennie and Lewis all died young, and within a period of three weeks of each other, ailing with diptheria. Their sister, Mrs. Margaret Townsend came to help nurse them, she was seized with the disease herself and never returned home, dying soon after the others.

In 1845 William Beverage moved to Pocahontas from Highland, and settled in the woods, head waters of Stony Creek, on the place now occupied by Jacob Beverage. His wife Delena Peak, of Highland. In reference to their sons and daughters we have the following particulars:

Catherine became a Mrs. Arbogast of Highland County; Caroline is Mrs. Pleasant Smith, near Edray; Mary became Mrs. Benjamin R. Doyle and lives on Spruce Flat; Lovie is Mrs. George Miller on Spruce Flat; Susan became Mrs. George Rodgers and lives near Buckeye; Uriah Beverage married Jennie Townsend and lives on the head of Stony Creek; Jacob Beverage married Nancy Kellison and lives on the homestead settled by his father.

In 1850, Peter Beverage, the third of the Beverage brothers came to our county and settled virtually in the woods on the Dry Branch of Swago, at the place now occupied by John Beverage. Peter married Margaret Snyder, sister of Mrs. Jacob Beverage, who is so widely and favorably known throughout the Clover Lick section as Aunt Susan Beverage, and is now passing her nineties serenely and peacefully. In reference to Peter Beverage's family we are able to give the following items with the assistance of his daughter, Mrs. Aaron Moore:

Harriett died in youth; Susan Catherine became Mrs. Aaron Moore and lives a mile from Marlinton; Andrew Beverage was a Confederate soldier, died in service and was buried with a soldier's honors at Staunton; Peter Beverage's second marriage was with Susan, daughter of George White of Highland County.

In reference to the second family we are informed that Washington Beverage married Lydia, daughter of John E. Adkison, near Buckeye, and settled on the head of Dry Branch, where he now resides; Margaret Beverage became Mrs. Nathan Barlow near Edray, where she recently died; Julia Ann Beverage became Mrs. Jacod Simmons, and lived on Spruce Flats. To write all that might be told of her would require a book. Her sad story has been read throughout the world and will not be forgotten for all time to come for the moral it illustrates and emphasizes; Eliza Jane Beverage became Mrs. Nathaniel Arthur, and lives in Webster County; Frances Beverage became Mrs. Andree Wooddell, and was living near Edray when her husband was killed two or three years ago while logging on the hills near the Duffield mill on Stony Creek; Hannah Beverage became Mrs. James McNeill, a son of the venerable Jonathan McNeill, near Buckeye, and now lives at the head of Swago; John Beverage married Lucy, daughter of the late Jeremiah Sharp, and lives on the Dry Branch homestead; Amanda Beverage became Mrs. David Sharp and lives near Marlinton; Mrs. Beverage, the venerable widowed progenitor of the Beverage relationship, died at the Peter Beverage homestead about twenty five years since, aged eighty-three years.

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Nathaniel Barnett Arthur and Eliza Jane Beverage were united in matrimony, January 18, 1871, in Kentucky

Nathaniel Barnett Arthur died September 4, 1937 on Saturday morning at 7:00, at the age of 93 years. He was born June 30, 1844.

Eliza Jane Arthur died July 15, 1929, on Monday morning at 7:55, at the age of 75 years. She was born March 13, 1854.